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Wilson Gives Us a Good Word.

WASHINGTON, May 3 .-- The Secretary of Agriculture returned this morning from a visit to South Carolina, where he has studied the conditions of agriculture and of truck gardening along the coast, the manufacturing industries, the tea culture, the Agricultural College of South Carolina and other matters of interest.

In an interview to-day the Secretary said that South Carolina is making rapid progress in all these directions. The farmers are learning how to take better care of their soil; how to fertiltended so far as it should or so far as it very soon will, but the people are gradually working to that end.

About one-third of the cotton produced in the State is manufactured there, and the most striking development of South Carolina is perhaps found in that direction. Home enterprise, and, to a great extent home capof the State in the manufacture of cotton through electric appliances. Wires extend from the rivers as far as fourteen miles, up to the tops of the hills, where healthy conditions are found, and great factories, costing as much as a million dollars, are located. This work is going on and will continue to progress until the State manufactures all the raw cotton produced within its

limits. Eighteen years ago, when the attention of the South Carolina people was drawn to the manufacture of cotton, \$380,000 was paid to cotton mill labor. Now the State is paying \$6,000,000 annually, which is about two-fifths of all the manufacturing of the Southern States along cotton lines.

The Secretary said that with little exception white labor is being used in the mills. In the city of Charleston the experiment of colored labor is being tried, and it is hoped the plan will succeed. It is still an open question, however, and is being watched with great interest. He said that other cotton manufacturers will have to take note of the progress made along this line in the South. They are getting the very newest machinery; the hands work probably somewhat longer hours, and perhaps for a little lower wages. The Southern people seem to be entirely satisfied with home labor and evidence no desire for immigration. The farmers throughout the State are getting better markets for their products, receiving a large per cent of the \$6,000,-000 paid to the mill hands. This encourages the keeping of dairy cows, the feeding of hogs and the raising of chickens to supply the demand of the to the foot of the mountains. He is factory people in the villages

Mr. Wilson said the tobacco has been taken hold of and is making good progress. The people are studying this plant and its products in order to ascertain how they can produce it more profitably.

The individual farmers are giving attention to the production of fine horses, such as bring big prices, and fine carriage horses, not only at home. but in foreign countries; gaited horses, and hunting horses. The Southern people have a taste along this line and will certainly succeed. There are not enough dairy cows in the State, of course, but encouraging progress is being made in that direction also. The Secretary said they have some as fine dairy cows as are to be found anywhere. They make as fine butter as is to be found in the North.

"They keep sheep in the South, but not enough," said he. "They have not quite realized that it is peculiarly their privilege to furnish the early spring lambs for the Northern markets, where they sell at a very high price.

"The conditions in the South are entirely favorable to the production of the bacon hog. The people in the great corn belt of the Mississippi Valley want a market for their corn, and feed the hog as long as he will make any gain. The producer of the bacon hog, however, disposes of the animal sooner, at a younger age.

"As soon as the Southern people give attention to the dairy industry there will be a great increase in its pro-

ducts."
The Secretary made a point of impressing upon the people of the State the wisdom of increasing their pastures, and of setting their wood lots to work to produce grass for the colt and the dairy cow, the mutton sheep and the

Great progress has been made, he said, at the Agricultural College. They are doing work there that is probably not being done anywhere else. The department of agriculture, for

the last two years, has been conducting nation-wide experiments to ascertain whether the people of the United States can produce their own sugar from their own sugar beets. The matter has gone so far that the Secretary has no doubt whatever of the success of the industry. About a score of mills were running last fall, another score is being built, and in time complete success will come, and the \$100,000,000 dollars now paid out for sugar will be saved and kept at

The Secretary is also sure now that the people of the latitude of South Carolina can produce all the tea needed by the American people, just as he was sure, two years ago, that the sugar needed for home consumption could be produced from the sugar beet, independent of all other sources.

Hard Times in the South.

Judge Robert Powell made a speech both true and always effective. He

He gets up in the morning and pulls of the Commercial club of Oklahoma puts on a pair of shoes from Boston; a that territory found the greatest satissuit of clothes from Philadelphia; goes faction. made in Chicago, and eats from a table Louis on a mule from Kentucky; hitches hard times. Of course, times are hard when everything people eat, drink, wear and drive come from somewhere | fitable prices." else and only the atmosphere which he breathes is a home institution."

All of this applies with almost as much force to the case of the people of cause of this diversity the farmers are South Carolina, as to the case of the prosperous and their financial condipeople of Mississippi. It is true that tion warrants sufficient expenditures "the average "citizen" of this State for schools and public improvements. may pull on a pair of socks made in There is not one of the products menthe State, and eat rice grown in the tioned which cannot be raised in South State, and a slice of ham cured in the Carolina. Corn and cattle, fruit and State if he hunts carefully for these things, and there is a good prospect that many of them will be able next | tiful, but too many of them are planted winter to butter bread made from flour in cotton, a money crop which brings milled in South Carolina, from wheat no money. It's an old theme upon grown in the State; but the fact remains that "the very grits on his table" are still "ground in some Northern the and raise more cattle. There is mill" from Northern grown corn, and money in fruit, as some parts of the all the rest of the story fits him as State have learned, but the industry is closely as it fits his Mississippi neighbor, and accounts for his "poverty" in As to poultry, no chickens can excel

equal degree. olina "citizen," and especially the Car- markets are far nearer to us than they olina farmer is beginning to see the light, and to mend his ways by it. He generally left to the wife and children has taken to raising his own pork and and they do not find it hard work, but bacon. He is growing more corn than he has ever grown before, and nearly many an extra dollar by sending fowls as much as his father grew "before the of the right sort to the big cities where war." He is shipping (some) beef cattle to the North and West and to Cuba. | them at profitable prices." He is planting wheat in counties where it was never planted before. He is growing rice in the hill country and up State. making as good syrup as is made anynere, and lots of it. He has introdifced and spread the tobacco crop spreading it. 'As Senator Tillman,

other fields of enterprise on the farm." the counties. They have discovered be construed in the United States that "the day of cotton," and the day | Court as an asset of the bankrupt; and, of hard times go together, and have as regards the homestead, the trustee set about applying the long, hard lesson they have learned by "seeking other fields of enterprise"-and finding them at their own doors-on the farms they have neglected so long. The day of many parties going into bankruptcy of cotton is passing-"has nearly passed." It is not too much to say, we believe, that the day of hard times, also, has nearly passed, for every farmer in South Carolina, and in the South, as well, who is prepared to follow the wise, if belated, example of Senator Tillman and his Edgefield neighbors .-News and Courier.

#### Renearsed His Own Funeral.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 28.-Parker R. Mason, a millionaire property owner, died yesterday in his old-fashioned mansion near the lake, not far from the Marine Hospital. Before his death he had the burial service read, funeral hymns sung, selected his pallbearers and made every preparation for his

Just before his death he summoned into his presence the quartette that was to sing at his funeral, and had them rehearse the hymns to be sung over his lifeless body, after which he paid them for their services. Then he asked to see the Rev. John Hoke, the Presbyterian minister of Washington Heights, who had often been his companion on fishing excursions. He showed the clergyman the place where he wished to be buried, paid him for the funeral sermon he wanted preached and had the minister repeat the text and a part of the sermon to him.

Next he paid for his coffin, settled all the undertaker's fees, picked out the suit he wished to wear in his coffin and after designating that a huge boulder. which had been dug up in his yard thirty years ago, be placed over his grave, closed his eyes and died.

Mr. Mason was 56 years of age, was

An Oklahome Lesson.

Mr. William E. Curtis is continuing in Vicksburg last week, in the course in the Chicago Record his interesting of which he discussed "the poverty of letters about the young territory, and the South," and explained it in a way in his last he starts off with a statement which, though not although original, is which is big with suggestions for South Carolina farmers. Here it is:

I asked Elmer Brown, who is editor "The reason of our poverty is not of the Oklahoma Times-Journal, a maghard to find. Take our average citizen. azine writer of note and the secretary on a pair of socks from Lynn, Mass.; City, in what four things the people of

into his breakfast, draws up a chair "The most gratifying thing," he said, "is the diversity of crops of which the which came from Cincinnati; sweetens soil is capable. A single farmer may his coffee from Rio with sugar from raise cotton, corn, wheat, Kaffir corn-Louisiana; takes a slice of ham cured which is the best fodder in the world in St. Louis, and butters a biscuit of for fattening cattle and was brought Minnesota flour with oleomargarine here from Africa-fruits of all kinds which came from the Lord knows and poultry on the same place, and if where; he eats South Carolina or Lou- the season should be bad for one he is isiana rice, and even the very grits sure to get good returns from the othupon his table were ground in some ers; hence he never can fail. The poul-Northern mill; he goes to his stable try interest is getting to be very imand puts a set of harness from St. portant with us. A single firm in Oklahoma City ships several carloads of it to a wagon from Illinois, and drives dressed chickens every week the year over to his neighbor's and complains of round to Denver, Kansas City, New York and other cities, and there is always a good demand for them at pro-

Diversity of crops is placed first among the four things which afford the people the greatest satisfaction. Bepoultry, all can be easily raised on the same farm. The corn lands are plenwhich to preach the unheeded sermon: Raise your own corn to feed your catcapable of much greater development. those raised in South Carolina if they To do him justice, however, the Car- are raised right, and the big eastern are to Oklahoma. Raising chickens is South Carolina farmers could make "there is always a good demand for

> We can learn from Oklahoma much that is well worth learning .- Columbia

#### Homestead Not an Asset.

SAVANNAH, May 4 .- Judge Speer, of over nearly half the State and is still the Federal District Court for the Southern district of Georgia, has made himself a farmer, said at the meeting an important dicision under the new in Florence on Thursday: "The day of | national bankruptcy law. It is to the cotton has nearly passed, and I and my effect that the United States Court has neighbors in Edgefield are seeking no jurisdiction over a homestead taken by a bankrupt; that the homestead be-So are many of his neighbors in all longs to the State Courts and cannot of the bankrupt must look elsewhere than to the United States Court. The effect of this decision will be farreaching, and will, no doubt, be the cause who have heretofore held out. In the case in which Judge Speer has just rendered this decision the bankrupt had waived his homestead by giving waiver notes, and the creditors of the bankrupt instituted proceedings to have the homestead administered by the trustee as assets. The Judge held that the trustee must set aside the homestead regardless of the waiver, and that the Courts were the proper place to attack the waiver. When the bankrupt receives his discharge from the United States Court all his debts are wiped out, and there is some doubt as to whether the creditors can then proceed in the State Courts to have their claim and waiver sustained and their debts satisfied out of the homestead set aside by the Bankrupt Court.

#### The Reina Mercedes Affont.

Santiago de Cuba, May 5.-The former Spanish Cruiser Reina Mercedes, which was sunk in the channel of Santiago harbor during the bombardment by Admiral Sampson's fleet on June 6, and which was recently raised. pumped out and brought to this city for repairs, left her moorings to-day and was towed to the centre of the harbor in readiness to start for Newport News as soon as the tow boat arrives. Some practical navigators predict a repetition of the disaster which befell the Infanta Maria Teresa while on her way north if rough weather should be encountered, but the Reina Mercedes looks as if she were sea-

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Some Remarks on Lynching.

as the public demand to be educated and savagery has certainly been for in that direction I suppose that it is all gotten by some of our would-be right. But the editor goes further, and humanitarians. God gave the brute dilates on the "horrible savagery and creation a large ganglionic nervous the heart-sickening sight." He says system whereby instinct teaches them; that "there is nothing in the history of to man he gave a large, cerebro spinal the country, not even in colonial days, system, and reason teaches him. to equal it, (he has forgotten perhaps of the burning of negroes in the city of New York); as to the wild savage orgy around the victim at the stake. Now I do not believe any such savage orgy was indulged in by the good people of Georgia-the one thousand or more that composed the lynching party. If it was indulged in at all, it was a few both striving for electric street rail drunken desperadoes that infest every country and only want an excuse to act the sayage. The editor should not be so sweeping in his denunciation. In one thousand it will not be a difficult | week. matter to find a few men who neither care for "God, man nor the devil." The editor goes on to say, after a disgusting recital of the demon's crime, that "there is another side to the matter; where is all this leading to? (why did he not say to detering the criminal) What of the moral effect on the people themselves! What is to be the outcome of this overriding of the law? What is to be the effect upon the races! Is it not deeping the animosity between eided that Notaries Public must be them, (I will say yes, if one of our home papers only suggest the idea) Does it not bring us nearer a race war?" (I say no; even the negroes, backed by the fanatics of the North and encouraged by the impotent rage of the distinguished infidel, Ingersol, have better sense than to declare in any shape war, to protect the incendiary, the rapist or the midnight assassin,) and ends his lofty periods by asking "if we are only civilized savages after all?" Now, Mr. Editor, any idea of a good, clean paper is that it is the best educator and disseminator of useful infor- tendered a reception at the home of mation that we have. Sometimes, Mayor Lipscomb. however, there are some things that had better, for the good of our country, be left unsaid. Mr. Russell did not state a fact that

country are as fairly treated as the white man; that he receives the same pursuit of fortune as his white neighand he has respect for the white man. In other words, they are our friends, and we are theirs, and it can be proven promptly, he is arranged before the Court of justice and his innocent wife or daughter has to tell her tale of humilitating woe before a gaping audience. If the criminal is tried before the same Court the innocent sufferer has the same to undergo, but the husband's friends, the friend of virtuous woman and innocent children come in and lynch the brute, and if every honest man everywhere does not endorse it, I am mistaken in my notion of them. As for my neighbors and myself we all say lynch them! every time. I do not announced that the appointment of propose to fight a man with his own census takers was the subject for deweapon if I can help it, but I have liberation. Senator McLaurin and written this after the approval of many of my neighbors, not to print, but to suggest that some good paper (and the INTELLIGENCER is a fair sample) take Mr. Russell down a button hole.

is well known that the negro of our

The editorial last week on the Lake City lynching, while South Carolinians the census appointments. Ho is not were being tried for the crime, was inclined to concede anything to the rather severe and sweeping. The good people of Georgia are of the same lineage as the good people of South Carolina. They are surrounded by a like condition socially, &c., and what they have done we would have done under similar circumstances. Now, I believe violating the postal laws and sententhe report of the Newman lynching as stated above to be false in the main. penitentiary, was pardoned by Presibut when a Southern paper gives it out as being true, that a thousand men took off bones and burning flesh of the negro Hose, will be heralded as true.

D., in his history, "The Foot-Prints of meeting together. In the early years of the eighteenth century fears of insurrection became prevalent. These fears culminated in 1741 in the episode of the so-called negro plot. Very briefly stated, this plot grew out of a succession of fires supposed to have mous business is expected to be done. been the work of negro incendiaries. The most astonishing contradictions and self-inculpations are to be found in the involved mass of testimony taken at different trials. It is certain that the perjury and incoherent accuup in the bare statement that in three foot races. months one hundred and fifty negroes were imprisoned, of whom fourteen were burned at the stake, eighteen

after the great Calvin, 100 years after The bolt descended a rafter and Miantonomoh, the Naragansett chief, Island. In 1641 there a little Republic Sentinel.

was formed, in whose constitution free dom of conscience was guaranteed and MR EDITOR: I note on the pages of persecution for opinion's sake forbid the People's Advocate of this week's den."-Ridpath's History, U. S., page issue a full account of the lynching of 132. And when John a Charles Wes the negro Hose at Newman, Ga., and ley were in their prime. This deviltry

> R. G. W. Hollands, S. C. Man 3, 1899.

#### STATE NEWS.

- There are 85 names on the pension list of Chester County.

- Greenville and Spartanburg are

- A hail storm did considerable damage about Hartsville, S. C., last

- South Carolina, it is estimated, produced 18,000,000 pounds of tobacco

- Potato bugs are reported doing much damage in nearly every section The State Dispensary Board has

decided not to buy any more second hand bottles. - The Attorney General has de-

registered voters. - Senator Tillman will appoint his son, B. R. Tillman. Jr., his private secretary as soou as he prepares him-

self for the work. - One effect of the lease of the South Carolina road to the Southern will be to lower fertilizer rates from

Charleston to the up country. - Mrs. Stonewall Jackson spent a few hours in Columbia last Monday on her way to Charleston, and was

- Dr. Byrd, of Asheville. will preach the commencement sermon of Wofford College. Senator John L. McLaurin will deliver the address before the literary societies.

- The State board of medical exwages and has the same chance in the aminers will begin the examination of candidates on May 16, in Columbia, bor. He is respected for his worth, and will continue three days. There are about fifty or sixty candidates.

- There has been another incenwithout a fear of truthful contradic- diary fire at Bamberg. The loser was tion. If the home is desecrated and T. J. Countz, who has suffered so the husband, father or brother is left greatly from incendiary fires. This alive to avenge the deed and does it time it was a large boarding house

> - The American Historical Association has written to Gov. Ellerbe asking for copies of letters of John C. Calhoun to Governors of the State. The association wants to include them in a history of Calhoun, which will be prepared under its direction.

> - Schator Tillman called the South Carolina Congressional delegation together in Columbia recently. It was two or three Connressmen were ab-

> - The Greenville News has been interviewing Collector Webster, who is considered boss of "'de party" on Democrats-at least he says that the Republicans are going to get all they can out of it.

- Charles P. Barrett, who was convicted in Charleston last July for ced to eighteen months in the Ohio dent McKinley on account of the ill health of the prisoner. It is presumed that he will return to his home in Hamilton W. Maybie, L. L. B., Lit. Spartanburg.

- A big lumber mill is to be crect-Four Centuries," page 281, says: "There ed near Charleston. It is believed the was a series of laws forbidding negroes new enterprise will help that city. The site is just above Chicora Park, and the plant will have a capacity of 80,000 feet per day. The company has bought 50,000 acres of timber land. Wharves are to be built, and an enor-

- All the final arrangements have been made for the Columbia Firemen's Tournament. The tournament is to take place on June 20, 21 and 22 next. and will be "open to the world." sations of these trials can only be There will be \$1,200 in prizes offered. equaled by those of the alleged witches The programme will cover hand and at Salem, or of the famous Popist-plot horse reel contests, hand and horse of Titus Oats. The result is summed truck contests, steamer contests and

- Amanda Blake, who lives in the George's Creek section on the place of hanged and seventy-one transported." J. J. Jameson, was struck by lightning "This savage orgy was enacted by the and instantly killed on Tuesday the Yankees 1741 years after the birth of 25th ult. She had gone to the house our Saviour, 200 years after John Knox of a neighbor and several persons were and the great reformation, 200 years sitting in the house when it happened. gave the banished Roger Williams and struck her on top of the head. The Mrs. Annie Hutchinson and their fol- other occupants were severely shocked lowers the beautiful island of Rhode but not seriously injured .- Pickens